

# **BENTLEY SCHOOL**

## **THEATRE ARTS**

**presents...**



**Directors...** Ms. Austin, Mr. McWilliams, & Mr. Weible

**Assistant Director...** Sofia LaFetra Thompson

**Stage Manager...** Julia Koo

**Assistant Stage Manager...** Amanda Henney

**Follow Spot Operators...** Mimi Lopez, Jesse Noily, &  
Lila Pepples

## The Cast

Chip Tolentino...	Jordan Jung
Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre...	Ava Korican-Barlay
Leaf Coneybear...	Jackson Pine
William Barfee...	Luke Tingley
Marcy Park...	Anese Atkins-Henesley
Olive Ostrovsky...	Marissa Blum
Rona Peretti...	Collette Pitts
Douglas Panch...	Dominic Goggins-Rendon
Meg Mahoney...	Maggie Maurer
Schwarzy's Carl Dad...	Malcom Kiss
Schwarzy's Dan Dad...	Kia LeClair (Dan)
Leaf's Dad...	Shankaran Kurup
Leaf's Mom...	Meri Mazer
Marigold Coneybear...	Elodie McClain
Olive's Dad...	Soli Partovi
Olive's Mom...	Lauren Bittner
Jesus...	Amara Romero

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## The Setting

The Present, Inside the Del Valle Theater (i.e., here...now).

**\*Note: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* will be held without a break (i.e., there will be NO Intermission).\***

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### THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

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# **The Musical Numbers**

<b>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee...</b>	Chip, Rona, Coneybear, Schwarzy, Marcy, Barfee
<b>The Rules...</b>	Panch, Rona, and Spellers
<b>My Friend the Dictionary...</b>	Olive, Chip, Coneybear, Schwarzy, Rona
<b>Pandemonium...</b>	Full Cast
<b>I'm Not That Smart...</b>	Coneybear
<b>Magic Foot...</b>	Barfee, Full Cast
<b>Rona Moment #2...</b>	Rona
<b>Prayer Of The Comfort Counselor...</b>	Meg, Full Cast
<b>Chip's Lament...</b>	Chip
<b>Woe Is Me...</b>	Carl Dad, Dan Dad, Schwarzy, Full Cast
<b>Spelling Montage...</b>	Panch, Spellers
<b>I Speak Six Languages...</b>	Marcy, Rona, Olive, Schwarzy
<b>Jesus...</b>	Full Cast
<b>The I Love You Song...</b>	Olive's Mom and Dad, Olive
<b>Rona Moment #3...</b>	Rona
<b>Second (Part 1)...</b>	Olive, Barfee, Full Cast
<b>Pas de Deux...</b>	Full Cast
<b>Second (Part 2)...</b>	Olive, Barfee, Full Cast
<b>The Champion...</b>	Rona, Full Cast
<b>Epilogues...</b>	Panch, Rona, Meg, Chip, Coneybear, Schwarzy, Barfee, Olive
<b>Finale...</b>	Full Cast

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The Barrington Stage Company workshop of  
**THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**  
is based on **C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E**, an original play by The Farm, and was  
originally co-directed by Michael Barakiva and Rebecca Feldman.

# Cast Bios



**Anese Atkins-Henesley** (Marcy Park) is pretty cool, she unfortunately, does not speak six languages although she definitely wishes she could. She has participated in what is now five Bentley School theater productions and hopes to do more throughout the rest of her high school career. She enjoys doing art, "dancing", and writing music.



**Lauren Bittner** (Optometrist's Wife & Olive's Mom) is excited to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. This is her second time performing for Bentley and she looks forward to upcoming performances. She has been training for theatre for 7 years at various playhouses and during multiple intensives. She likes to play Overwatch in their freetime, likes to listen to music, and says 'hi' to family and friends reading this. (Hi!)



**Marissa Blum** (Olive Ostrovsky) is very excited to be performing her first musical at Bentley. She has been singing and acting for 8 years and has taken multiple performing arts courses at school. She would like to thank the cast and crew for welcoming her so graciously to the Bentley community after her recent transfer.



**Dominic Goggins-Rendón** (Vice Principal Panch) is ecstatic to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. He is currently a Junior and this is his fifth, and second to last, musical at Bentley. His favorite roles have been Grandma in *The American Dream* and Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support and encouragement.



**Jordan Jung** (Chip Tolentino) is excited to spell in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. He has been in several of the Bentley productions. Coincidentally, after being casted as Chip, he found out that both his character and himself happen to be boy scouts so he already had a scout uniform for the show. His favorite musicals are Hamilton and Dear Evan Hansen. In his free time, he likes to play soccer and music. He would like to thank his family for their support.

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**Malcolm Kiss** (Carl Dad) is excited to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. This is his fourth musical at Bentley, and he hopes to be in many more. He has been doing theatre for 3 musicals at Bentley school and has taken scene study. In his free time, he likes to swim, and he would like to thank his family for their support.



**Ava Korican-Barlay** (Schwarzy) is terrified and excited to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. This is her first dual campus production. She has been doing theatre at Berkeley Playhouse for 2 years and has studied voice at Berkeley Academy of Music. She would like to thank her family and her cats for putting up with her.



**Shankaran Kurup** (Leaf's dad) is delighted to perform in *Spelling Bee*. This is his third musical at Bentley, and unfortunately might be his last. He has been doing theatre for 6 years at Bentley and beyond and has taken Acting Progression and Improv. In his free time, he likes to play piano and do anything Star Wars related. He thanks his family and school for their support in this production.



**Kia LeClair** (Dan Dad) is ecstatic about the *Spelling Bee*. It is his first ever association with theatre. In his spare time he enjoys playing soccer and video games. He would also like to thank his Mother for giving birth to him.



**Maggie Maurer** (Meg Mahoney) stands at a whopping 4' 7" and is obviously the tallest person in California (if not the entire United States). She has been in many plays including, *Guys and Dolls*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Puck), and at the lower campus she has been in *Seussical* (Jojo), *Shrek* (Farquaad and Pinocchio), and *Singing in the Rain* (Don). Maggie has been at Bentley School since the fourth grade and is also a model. She loves to run, sing, and act.

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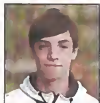
**Meredith Mazer** (Leaf's Mother/ Dance Captain) has been in every show since her freshman year. She has been in many shows, including *A Chorus Line*, *Into the Woods*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. She participated in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Summer Seminar for High School Juniors. In her free time, Meredith loves to read Shakespeare, dance, learn new languages, and rollerskate.



**Elodie McClain** (Marigold Conneybear) is happy to be in *Spelling Bee*. This is one of many shows she's been a part of in her three years at Bentley. In her free time, she likes to bake, and she would like to thank her family for all their support.



**Soli Partovi** (Optometrist's Wife & Olive's Father) is very excited to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. She is a Freshman at Bentley and this is her first performance with the school, though she is excited to be in all that will follow. She has performed in *Romeo and Juliet* with Cal Shakes, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in middle school, taken classes with Berkeley Rep for over 2 years and is part of theatre here. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her brothers, listening to music, and playing volleyball.



**Jackson Robert Pine** (Coneybear) has 4 years of acting experience/singing experience. He has been in *Suessical* (Horton), *Guys and Dolls* (Gambler), *Singing in the Rain* (Cosmo Brown) *Shrek the Musical* (Lord Farquad/Pinocchio). Other productions include *Box, Ten ways to survive the zombie apocalypse*, and *The Rehearsal*.

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**Colette Marie Pitts** (Rona Lisa Peretti) has been singing for 10 years. She began performing at The Orinda Theater and more recently has performed in showcases at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. Shows include: *101 Dalmatians*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Seussical*, *Mamma Mia*, *Singin' In the Rain*, *The Rehearsal*, *Box*, and *10 Ways To Survive The Zombie Apocalypse*. Colette would like to thank every music and acting teacher she has ever had that has given her an opportunity to do what she loves.



**Amara Romero** (Optomotrist's Daughter, The Dictionary, The "Monster, and Jesus) is very excited to be performing in *Spelling Bee*. This is her first musical at Bentley. She has been doing theater for 5 years at CCCT in El Cerrito. She is a diver and loves sports.



**Luke Tingley** (William Barfeé) is delighted to be a part of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. He has done multiple Bentley plays and musicals in the past and plans to do many more. He has also done a couple of productions at Berkeley Playhouse, which he enjoyed immensely. In his free time, he likes to attempt the Basoon and hang out with friends. He would like to thank his directors for their hard work, and his parents for their continual support.

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### PRODUCTION TEAM:

**Lighting** - David Lam

**Sound** - SomeMoreSound (Keir Moorhead & Yuri Sumnicht)

**Costumes** - Elizabeth Whitaker

**Props** - Kate Fitt

### Musicians:

Aharon Bolsta, Amy Brodo, Audrey Jackson, and Tania Johnson.

## Staff Bios



### Stage Manager

Julia Koo has been studying dragons for the past thirty years of her life. She is planning to attend Madame Evelyn's School of Dragons to potentially major in Dragon Psychology and Behavior with the best in the field of Dragon Studies. She is pleased this show contains no "dragon stereotypes."



### Assistant Stage Manager

Amanda Henney is an alumna of Madame Evelyn's School of Dragons having been a part of the Dragon Theatre programme there. She specialized in dragon stilettos. She's pleased to be a part of the show as theatre is her passion, although she is profoundly disappointed by the lack of Shakespeare.



### Assistant Director

Sofia LaFetra Thompson is excited to be assistant director in the bee! She loves long walks on the beach, french cuisine and magic tricks. Also she's a pisces.

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**Lisa Lomba & Amy Mosely** for making sure the community knows about the hard work the students put into shows like this one!

**Vincent Jurgens** for taking the picture in the poster and for helping us make so many special things happen for the show.

**Lastly, a huge thanks to everyone else who helped make this production possible!**